

SUBCHAPTER C : CRITICAL AREAS

These new sections are promulgated under the Texas Water Code, §52.051-§52.054, which provides the Texas Water Commission with the authority to designate critical areas in this state in the form of a rule to protect groundwater resources.

§294.20 Definitions.

The following words and terms when used in this subchapter shall have the following meaning unless the context indicates otherwise:

Bolson - Waterbearing formations consisting of unconsolidated sands and gravels.

Critical area - An area of the state that is experiencing or that is expected to experience, based on information available to the commission and the water development board, within the immediately following 20-year period, critical underground water problems including shortage of surface or underground water, land subsided, resulting from underground water withdrawal, and contamination of underground water supplies.

§294.21 Designation of Briscoe, Hale and Swisher County Critical Area.

(a) Areas of Briscoe, Hale and Swisher County, as described below, are designated as a critical area.

(b) The Briscoe, Hale and Swisher County Critical Area is composed of portions of Briscoe and Hale Counties and all of Swisher County. The portion of Briscoe County below the Caprock Escarpment and the portion of Hale County within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Number 1 are excluded from the critical area. All remaining areas in Hale and Briscoe counties are included within the critical area.

(c) A General Description of Boundaries of the Briscoe, Hale and Swisher County Critical Area is as follows:

(1) beginning at northwest corner of Swisher County, the northern boundary extends to the east and is coterminous with the Swisher-Randall and Swisher-Armstrong County line; and

(2) the boundary continues eastward along the Briscoe-Armstrong County line to the junction with the eastern boundary of Subdivision Number 1 of the Underground Water Reservoir, High Plains Area, Ogallala Formation, South of the Canadian River, in Briscoe County, as delineated by the Texas Board of Water Engineers in 1950; and

(3) the boundary continues southerly along this boundary in Briscoe County to the southern Briscoe County line; then

(4) west along Briscoe-Floyd and Swisher-Floyd County lines; then

(5) south along the Hale-Floyd County line to the intersection with the boundary of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Number 1; then

(6) generally west for approximately twelve miles; then

(7) south along the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District boundary in Hale County line; then

(8) west along the Hale-Lubbock County line to the intersection of the Hale and Lamb County lines; then

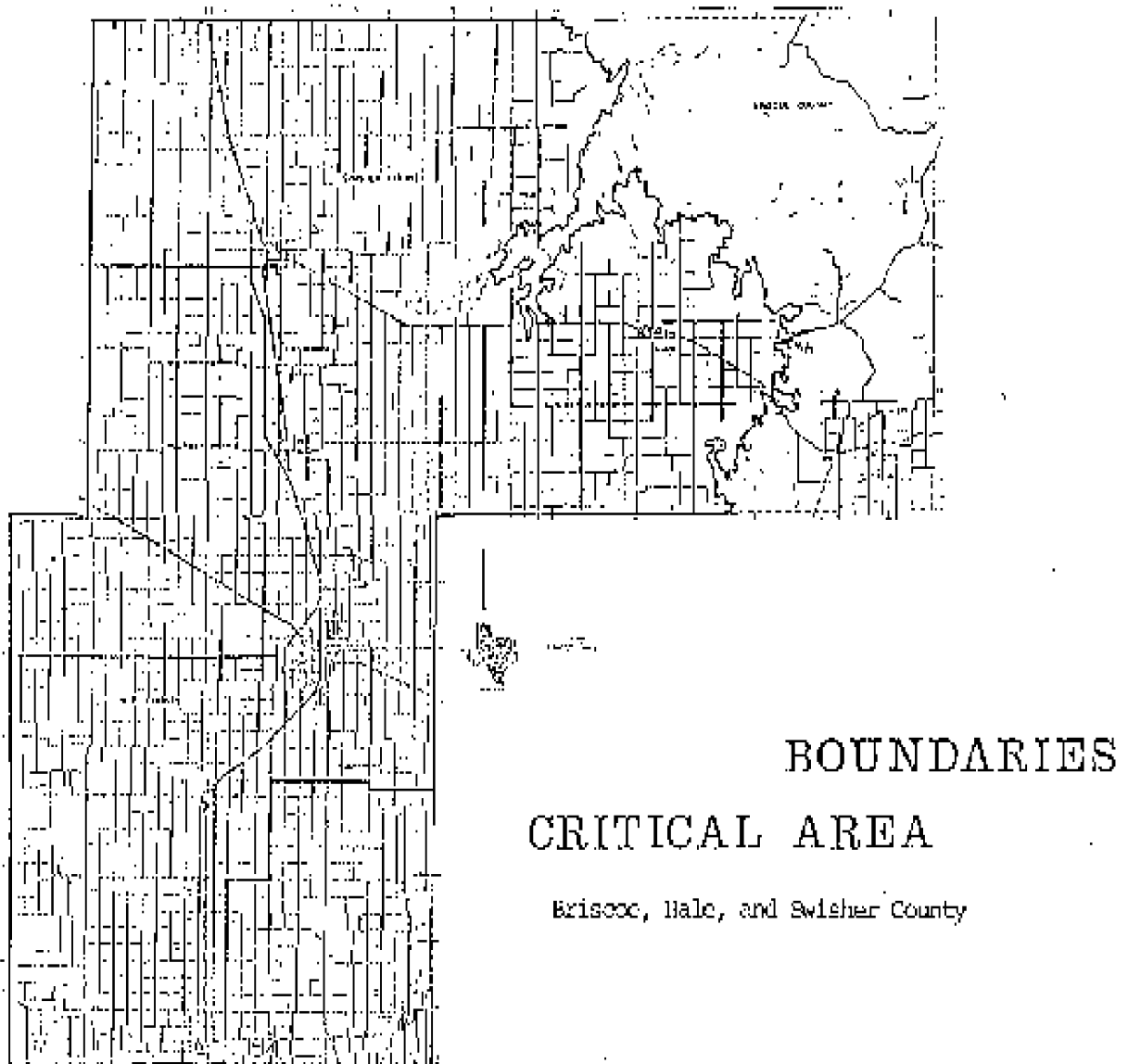
(9) north along the Hale-Lamb County line to the intersection of the Hale and Castro County lines; then

(10) east for approximately six miles along the Hale-Castro County line; then

(11) north along the eastern boundary between Hale and Castro Counties to the northwest corner of Swisher County.

(d) The boundaries of the Briscoe, Hale and Swisher County Critical Area are outlined in the map attached as Exhibit A to this section.

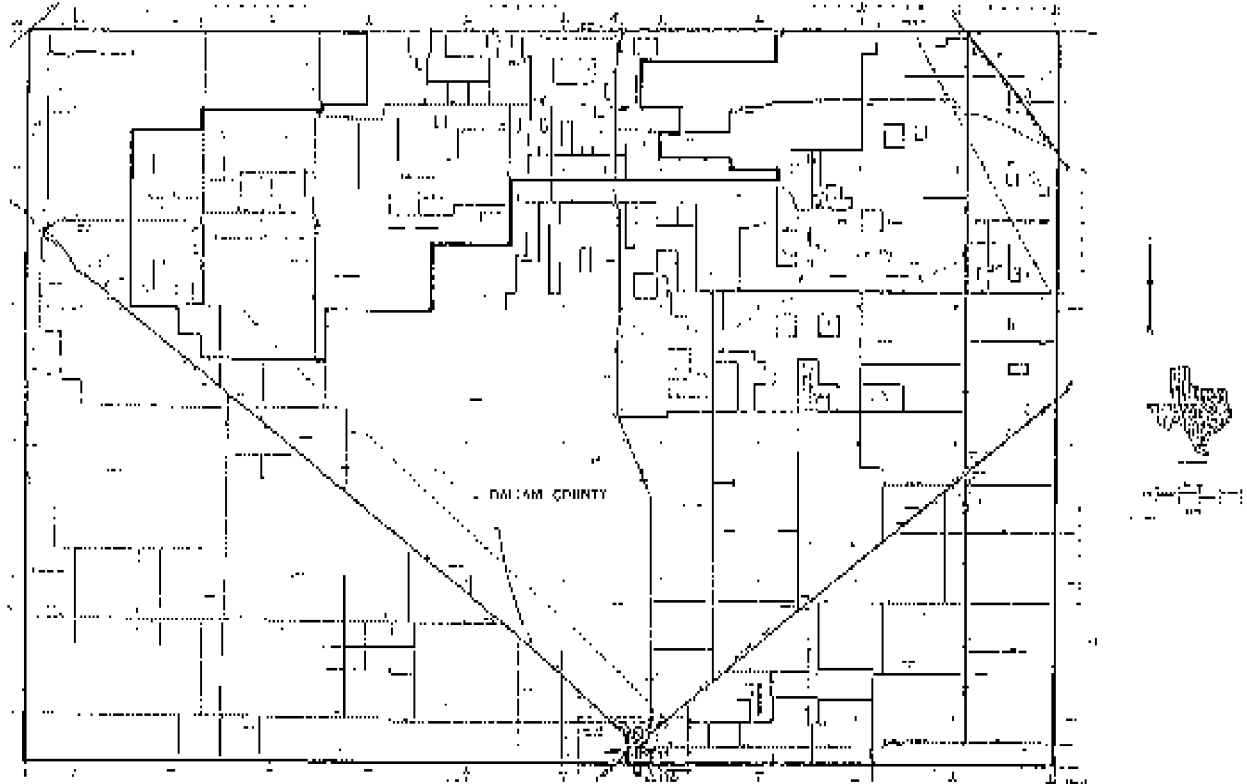
EXHIBIT A
294.21(d)



§294.22 Designation of Dallam County Critical Area.

- (a) An area of Dallam County, as described below, is designated as a critical area.
- (b) The Dallam County Critical Area is composed of Dallam County except for the area within the Dallam County Underground Water Conservation District Number 1, which is excluded from the critical area.
- (c) A General Description of Boundaries of Dallam County Critical Area is as follows:
 - (1) starting at the northeastern corner of Dallam County, the eastern boundary is coterminous with the Dallam County - Sherman County Line; then
 - (2) the boundary continues west along the Dallam-Hartley County Line to the border between Texas and New Mexico; then
 - (3) north along the western Dallam County - New Mexico state line to the northwest corner of Dallam County; then
 - (4) the boundary turns eastward along the Dallam County-Oklahoma state line to the junction with the boundary of the Dallam County Underground Water Conservation District Number 1; then
 - (5) the boundary follows the district boundary until it again intersects with the Dallam County-Oklahoma State line; then
 - (6) the boundary continues east to the northeast corner of Dallam County.
- (d) The boundaries of the Dallam County Critical Area and outlined in the map attached as Exhibit A to this section.

EXHIBIT A
294.22(e)



BOUNDARIES
CRITICAL AREA

§294.23 RESERVED

§294.24 Designation of Hill Country Critical Area

(a) All of the areas of Bandera, Blanco, Gillespie, Kendall and Kerr Counties, and portions of Comal, Hays and Travis County, are designated as a critical area.

(b) A General Description of Boundaries of the Hill Country Critical Area is as follows:

(1) starting at the northwest corner of Kerr County, the northern boundary is coterminous with the Kerr-Kimble County line and continues eastward to Gillespie County; then

(2) northward along the Gillespie-Kimble County Line to Mason County;

(3) the northern boundary is conterminous with the Gillespie-Mason, Gillespie-Llano, Blanco-Llano, and Blanco-Burnet County Lines; then

(4) the boundary then continues eastward to the Travis County Line; then

(5) continues north to the Colorado River; then

(6) continues southeast along the Colorado River to the western boundary of the Barton Spring-Edward Aquifer Conservation District; then

(7) continues southerly along this boundary and continues along the northern-western boundary of the Edwards Underground Water District to the Medina County Line; then

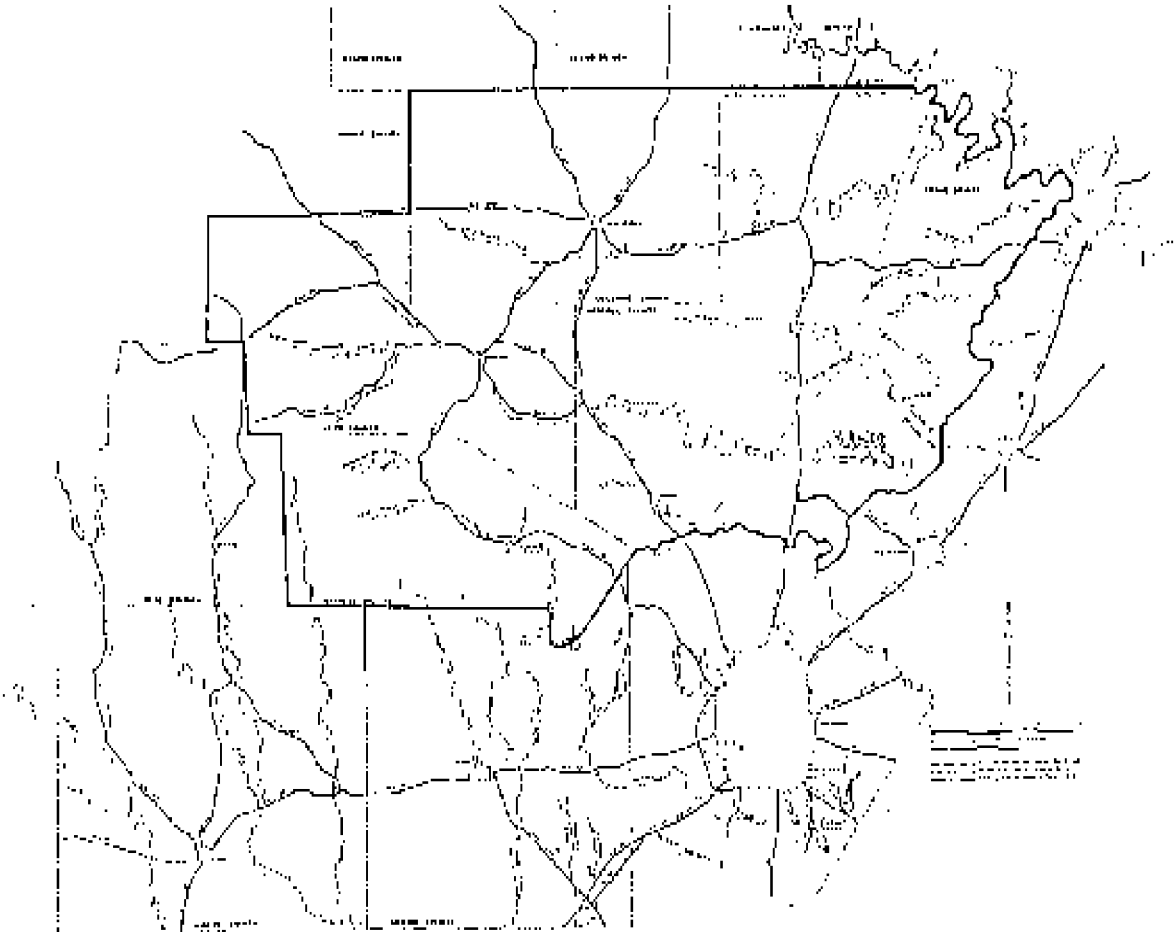
(8) is coterminous with the Bandera-Medina and Bandera-Uvalde County Lines; then

(9) continues westward along the Bandera-Uvalde County Line to Real County; then

(10) continues northward and is coterminous with the Bandera-Real, Kerr-Real, and Kerr-Edwards County Lines to the starting point, the northwest corner of Kerr county.

(c) The boundaries of the Hill Country Critical Area are delineated on the map attached as Exhibit A to this section.

EXHIBIT A
294.24(c)



Location Map
Hill Country Original Area

§294.25 Designation of Reagan, Upton, and Midland County Critical Area.

(a) Portions of southeastern Midland County, northeastern Upton County and northern Reagan County are designated as a critical area.

(b) A General Description of Boundaries of the Reagan, Upton and Midland County Critical Area is as follows:

(1) beginning at the northwest corner of Reagan County, which is also the point where Glasscock, Reagan, Upton and Midland Counties meet; then

(2) east along the county line to the Sterling County line; then

(3) south along the line Reagan-Sterling County line to the Section 1, S-46675, Block A, T.&P. RR Survey; then

(4) west along Section 41, S-37369 of said Blocks; then

(5) to Section 3, S-46677 of said Block and Survey; then

(6) west to the eastern line of Block F, Longview & Sabine Valley Ry County; then

(7) south southeast along said Block to the lower line of Section 21, S-46695, Black A, T&P RRC Surveys; then

(8) west southwest to the northwest corner of Section 11, S-37120, G.C.&S.F. Ry County Survey; then

(9) south along the eastern line of Sections 12 and 13 of said Survey continuing to the northern line of Block 58 of University Land; then

(10) west and south along the eastern line of Section 29 of said Block and Survey continuing along Section 3, Block 10 of said Survey; then

(11) to the Reagan-Upton County line; then

(12) west to the western line of Block 58 of said Survey; then

(13) west along the northern line of Sections 1 and 2, Block G, G.C. & S.F. Ry County Survey continuing along Sections 8, 12, and 13, Block A to Section 1, Block 3 1/2, M.K. & T. RR County; then

(14) north along the eastern edge of Section 6, Block 1, J.E. Hamilton Survey to the south line of Block Y G.C. & S.F. Ry County Survey; then

(15) north northwest along the eastern side of Sections 81, 76, and 65, Block Y; then

(16) west southwest to the corner of the Section; then

(17) north northwest between Blocks E and D and Blocks 42 and 41 continuing to the Upton-Midland County line; then

(18) continuing north northwest to the northwest corner of Section 6, #88353, Block 41, Texas and Pecos County; then

(19) east northeast to the Midland-Glasscock County line; then south along the county line to the starting point.

(c) The boundaries of the Reagan, Upton, and Midland County Critical Area are delineated on the maps attached as Exhibit A to this section.

EXHIBIT A
294.25(c) Reagan County

KERNAN, UFTON, AND MIDLAND
CRITICAL AREA

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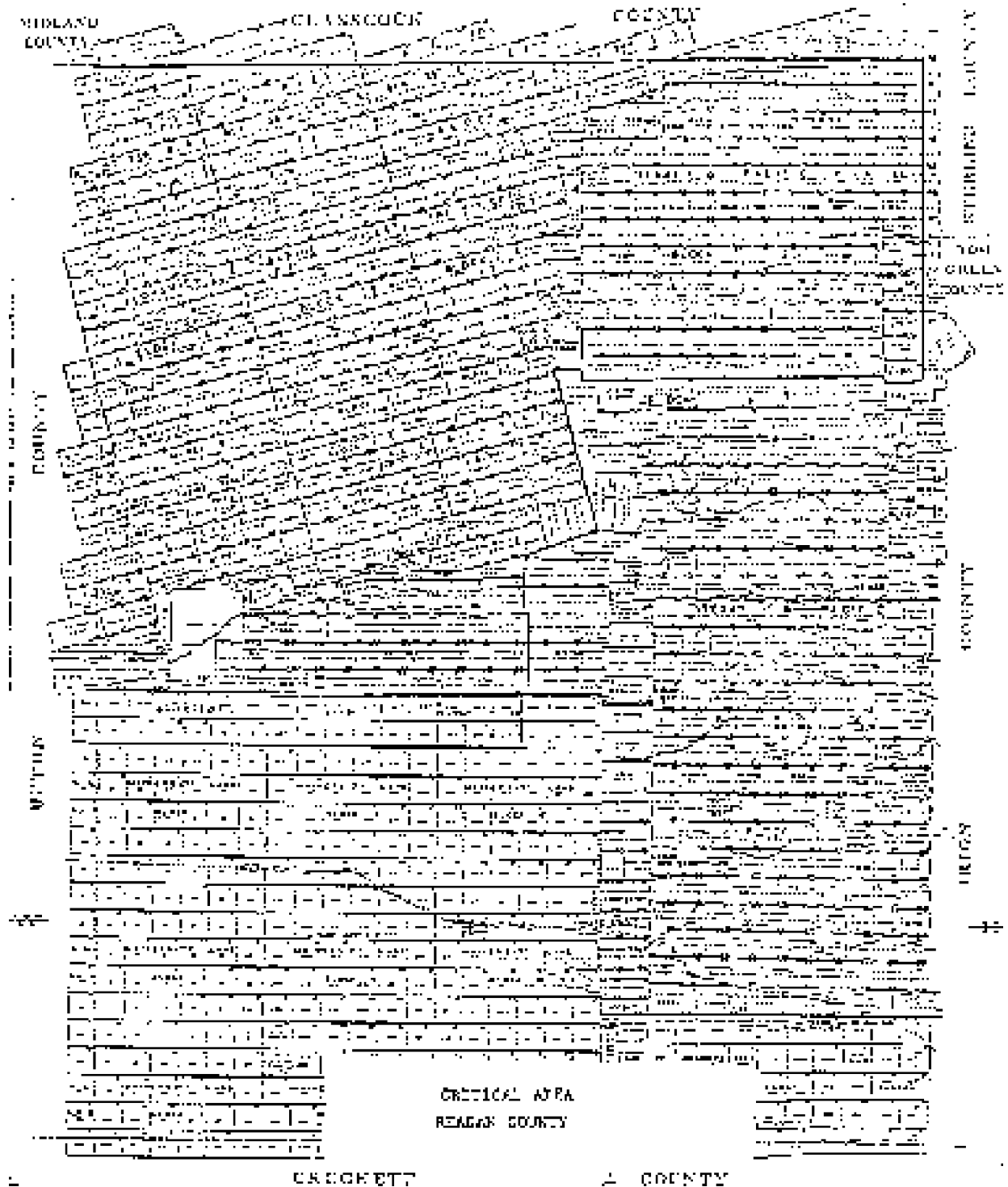


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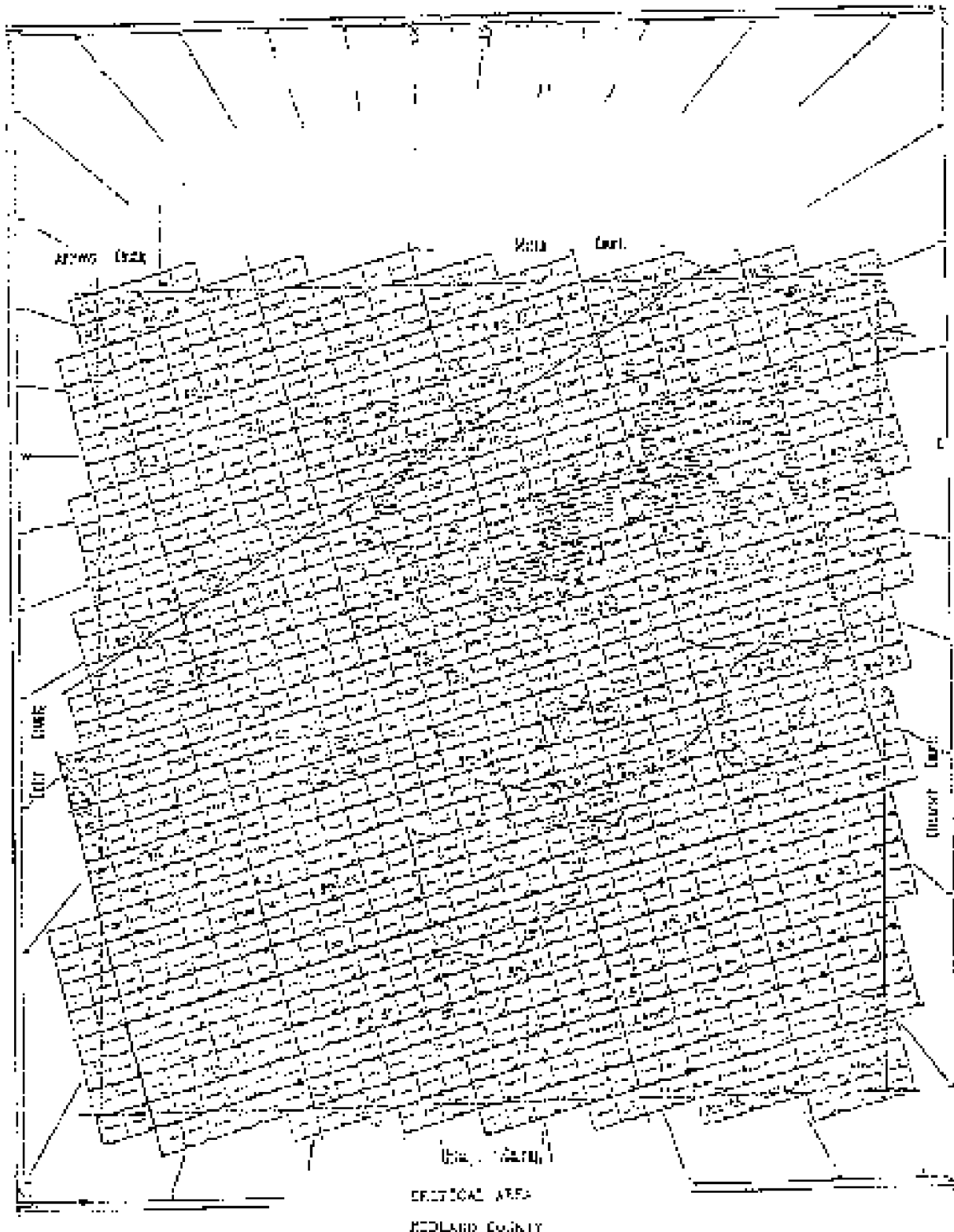


EXHIBIT A
294.25(c) Upton County

BEACON, UPTON, AND MIDLAND

CRITICAL AREA

